

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

IVAN ROMERO, JESSICA
JUAREZ, and S.R., a minor by and
through his guardian ad litem, IVAN
ROMERO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PASCO SCHOOL DISTRICT, RATREE
ALBERS, JOHN and
JANE DOES 1-30,

Defendants.

Case No: 4:16-CV-5112-TOR

**NOTICE SETTING TELEPHONIC
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE**

TELEPHONIC SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

DATE: 1/4/2017 TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Counsel and pro se parties shall call the following telephone number on the date and time indicated for a mandatory **telephonic** Scheduling Conference before Judge Thomas O. Rice. **All pro se parties and an attorney substantively familiar with the case must participate in the telephonic scheduling conference.**

PHONE NUMBER: (888) 273-3658

ACCESS CODE: 2982935

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The use of cellular or speaker phones is not permitted for telephonic proceedings.

Rule 26(d)(1) prohibits a party from seeking discovery from any source before the parties have had their Rule 26(f) conference. The parties shall make their Rule 26(a)(1) initial disclosures at or within 14 days after this Rule 26(f) conference.

1 To ensure that discovery and trial preparation advances efficiently, counsel and pro se parties
2 shall discuss each and every one of the following subjects during the Rule 26(f) conference and
then file a combined report addressing each one of these subjects not less than 14 days before the
Scheduling Conference:

- 3 a. whether jurisdiction and venue exist and, if they do exist, the basis for each;
- 4 b. whether service of process is complete and, if not, a deadline for completion;
- 5 c. a brief description of the claims and defenses;
- 6 d. whether a statute's constitutionality is being challenged, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.1, and
whether the required notice has been provided;
- 7 e. whether any issues should be certified to a state supreme court;
- 8 f. suggested deadline for adding additional parties, amending the pleadings, and seeking
class certification;
- 9 g. whether all non-government corporate parties have filed the necessary ownership
statement, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1;
- 10 h. whether the case involves a minor or incompetent party and whether the appointment
11 of a guardian ad litem is necessary, see LR 17.1;
- 12 i. discovery:
 - confirmation that initial disclosures, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), will be
13 accomplished by the time of the hearing;
 - subjects on which discovery may be needed;
 - any issues about preserving discoverable information, including electronically
14 stored information;
 - claims of privilege, protection of confidentiality, and proposed confidentiality
15 agreements;
 - proposed agreements reached under Fed. R. Evid. 502;
 - proposed modifications to the standard discovery procedures, including
16 bifurcation and/or consolidation of discovery, or an increase in the allowed
number of depositions (10), interrogatories (25), requests for production (30), or
17 requests for admission (15);
 - suggested expert disclosure deadlines; and
 - suggested discovery cut-off;
- 18 j. anticipated motions and suggested dispositive motion filing deadlines;

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1 k. trial:

- 2 • whether a jury has been requested. In cases removed from state court in which a
3 party desires a jury trial, **a jury demand shall also be filed no less than 14 days**
4 **prior to the scheduling conference;**
• suggested trial date(s) and suggested location;
• anticipated length of trial;
• requests for bifurcation; and
• the need for special audio/visual courtroom technology;

5 l. the likelihood for settlement and the point at which the parties can conduct
6 meaningful dispute resolution, and

7 m. any other matters that may be conducive to the just, speedy, and inexpensive
8 determination of the action.

9 Dated: November 22, 2016

10 SEAN F. McAVOY, DISTRICT COURT EXECUTIVE CLERK

11 *s/Linda L. Hansen*
12 Courtroom Deputy

13 All Counsel/Pro Se Parties
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